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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

STATUS OF COUNTY-ADVOCACY LEGISLATION

County-sponsored SB 134 (Cedillo), as amended on March 28, 2007, would authorize Sheriff's Department employees hired prior to April 1, 1997, to remain employed after reaching 60 years of age. Employees seeking to continue employment beyond age 60 would be required to receive a release of physical fitness from a County physician.

Our Sacramento advocates report that the California Professional Firefighters are seeking an amendment to SB 134 that also would exempt Los Angeles County firefighters, including the Fire Chief, from the mandatory retirement age. The amendment would be offered on the Assembly Floor.

Public safety employees of the Fire Department would be able to continue employment upon completion of a departmental Wellness/Fitness for Life Program (Program). This provision is included in the current Memorandum of Understanding for firefighters and provides for a three percent bonus for the successful completion of the Program. The Program is a multi-year plan that includes a medical exam and continuing education in the first two years. In the third year, the employee must additionally perform a minimum number of push-ups and crunches in a limited amount of time.

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SB 134, as proposed to be amended, would not take effect until a resolution is adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. SB 134 is set for hearing on June 20, 2007 in the Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.

County-supported AB 845, which would provide \$10.525 million in the current fiscal year for the Transitional Housing Program-Plus, designed to assist emancipated foster youth between 18 and 24 years of age, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 18, 2007 by a vote of 9 to 5, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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